

Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132 Intersection Improvement
Phase I Study
Public Information Meeting Summary
March 28, 2017

Executive Summary

The Public Information Meeting for the Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132 Intersection Improvement Phase I Study was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at Woodland Intermediate School at 1115 North Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL 60031 from 5 – 7 PM, and the meeting was conducted in an open house format. The meeting was attended by 59 people. Eight (8) comments were received by the close of the comment period. The comments were received via email, comment form, and website.

Overview

In 2016, Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) initiated the Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132 Intersection Improvement Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study. The Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132 Intersection improvement project is located in the Village of Gurnee, in Lake County Illinois. The intersection of Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132 is located at the heart of a dynamic regional commercial center anchored by the Gurnee Mills Outlet Mall. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and enhance pedestrian accommodations.

Hunt Club Road is a four-lane minor arterial under the jurisdiction of LCDOT that carries over 20,000 vehicles per day. IL Route 132 is a six-lane strategic regional arterial under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) that carries over 30,000 vehicle a day. It was noted that there were 217 crashes at the intersection of Hunt Club Road and IL Route 132 from 2010 – 2014. The predominant crash types were Rear End (122) and Turning (60). There is an identified safety concern associated with the heavy southbound left movement on Hunt Club Road operating as a protected/permitted movement which often conflicts with northbound right turns under the permitted phase, creating a recurring point of conflict.

The Preferred Alternative will be implemented under a 3R resurfacing scope of work. The IL Route 132 left turn lane storage will be re-balanced to extend storage where available. The corner islands at the intersection of Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132 will be removed to reduce the footprint of the intersection and improve safety. The traffic signal equipment will also be modernized. Dual northbound and southbound left turn lanes are proposed on Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132, reducing the conflict between the southbound permitted left turn and northbound right turn movement. In addition, southbound and eastbound right turn lanes are proposed for the intersection of Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132. Pavement widening on the west side of Hunt Club Road and on the south side of IL Route 132 will be utilized to construct the pavement width necessary to implement the proposed auxiliary lanes at the intersection of Hunt Club Road and IL Route 132. Pedestrian crossings will be added or enhanced at the five intersections within the project area.

Identification of Stakeholders

Per Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) procedures, a stakeholder is anyone who could be affected by the project and has a stake in its outcome. Stakeholders are identified as all residents and local business of the study area and interested parties that help LCDOT understand the needs for, and concerns about, the transportation system. LCDOT can take this input, along with all of its other work and analysis, and use it to make planning and design decisions. New stakeholders will be added to the initial stakeholder list throughout the project. All stakeholders expressing interest in the project will continue to be added to the project mailing list and will be able to participate in the process through various public outreach opportunities.

Public Involvement Efforts

Classified Ad:

The classified ad notifying the public of the Tuesday, March 28, 2017 Public Information Meeting. The classified ad included the purpose of the meeting, a description of the meeting format, and contact information. The classified ad ran in the following newspaper:

Publication	Type	Run Date(s)
Lake County News-Sun	Daily	Monday, March 13, 2017 Tuesday, March 21, 2017

The Lake County Division of Transportation has scheduled a

Public Information Meeting
for the

**Hunt Club Road at Illinois Route 132
Intersection Improvement**

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) cordially invites you to attend the Public Information Meeting concerning improvements to the intersection of Hunt Club Road at Illinois Route 132 in the Village of Gurnee. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit input on the Preferred Alternative. Project information will be provided, including the Phase I study process, existing project data and the Preferred Alternative.

The details of the Public Information Meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Open House Format
Location: Woodland Intermediate School Cafeteria
1115 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60031

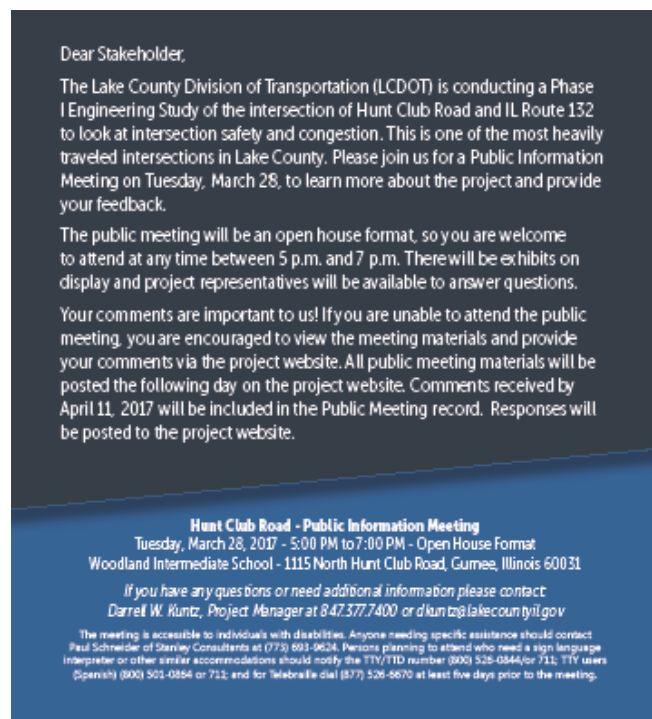
The meeting will be conducted in an open house format, meaning interested persons can attend at any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Exhibits will be on display. LCDOT representatives and project team members will be available to answer questions regarding the project.

For additional information, please visit the project website at www.lakecountyil.gov/3796, or contact: Darrell W. Kuntz, P.E., Project Manager, at dkuntz@lakecountyil.gov, or (847) 377-7400.

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Paul Schneider of Stanley Consultants, Inc. at (773) 693-9624. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.

Postcard Invite:

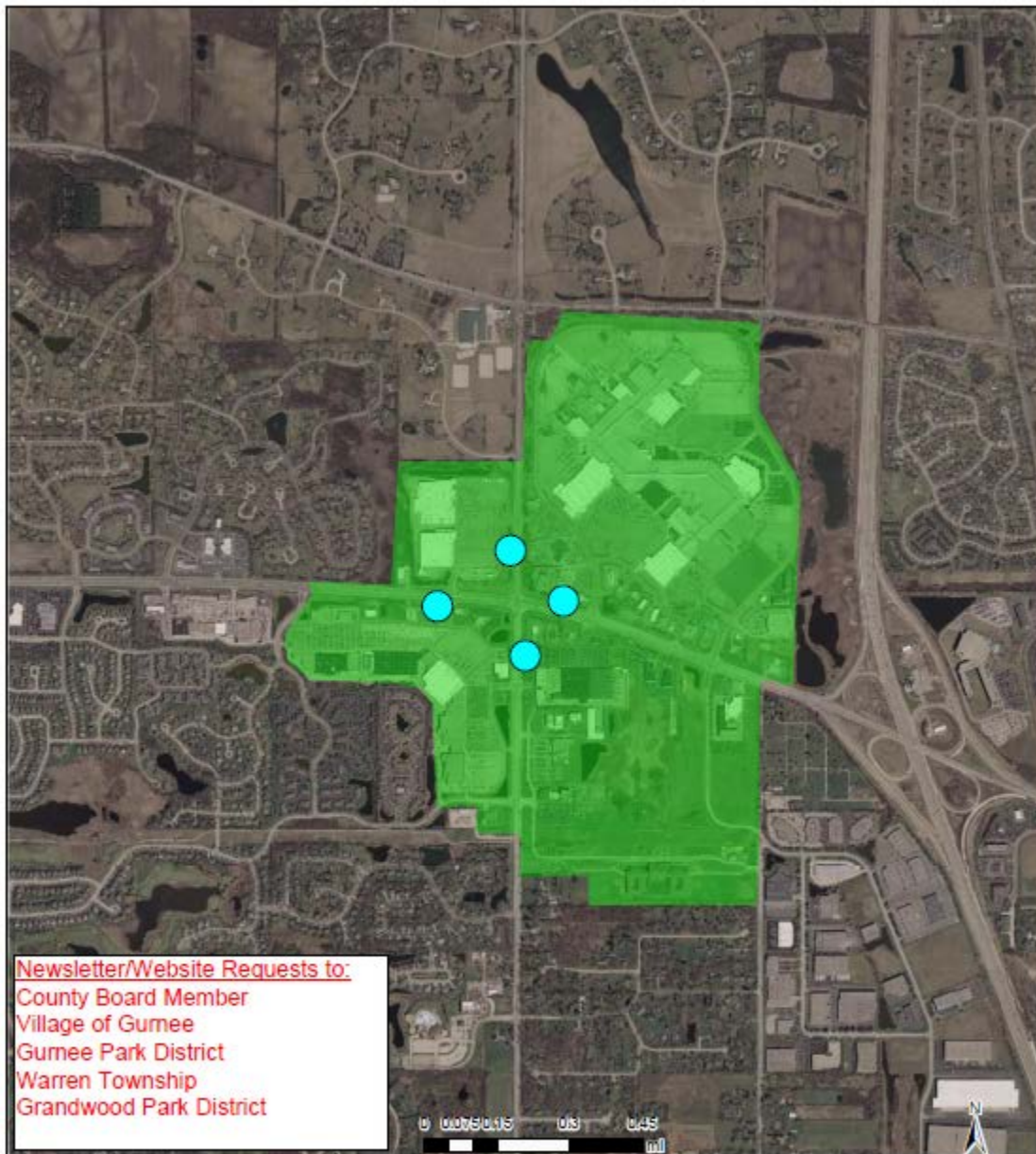
A postcard served as the Public Information Meeting invitation and was hand delivered to stakeholders two (2) weeks prior to the Public Information Meeting.



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www.lakecountyil.gov/3796

In addition, LCDOT posted announcements on their changeable message signs strategically at the intersection the week before the Public Information Meeting. Other local agencies assisted with the outreach by placing notices on their websites, Facebook pages, and in newsletters.

Hunt Club Rd at Grand - Public Outreach Methods



- Hand Delivered Post Cards to Businesses
- LCDOT Message Boards

LCDOT GIS
2/24/2017

A postcard served as the Public Information Meeting invitation for adjacent property owners from whom Temporary Easement would be required.

- Kindercare Learning Centers
- Boston Market Corporation
- Parkway Bank & Trust Company
- Menard, Inc.
- Industry Consulting Group Inc.
- Gurnee Mills/ Simon Property Group
- Pione Remainder LLC
- OLP 6609 Grand LLC
- The Wendy's Company
- Van Vliet Acquisition V LLC
- Grand Hunt Center OEA
- Target Corporation
- Inland Real Estate Corporation
- Home Depot USA Inc.
- Mattress Firm Inc.

Dear Stakeholder,

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) is conducting a Phase I Engineering Study of the intersection of Hunt Club Road and IL Route 132 to look at intersection safety and congestion. This is one of the most heavily traveled intersections in Lake County. Please join us for a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, to learn more about the project and provide your feedback.

The public meeting will be an open house format, so you are welcome to attend at any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will be exhibits on display and project representatives will be available to answer questions.

Your comments are important to us! If you are unable to attend the public meeting, you are encouraged to view the meeting materials and provide your comments via the project website. All public meeting materials will be posted the following day on the project website. Comments received by April 11, 2017 will be included in the Public Meeting record. Responses will be posted to the project website.

Hunt Club Road - Public Information Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Open House Format
Woodland Intermediate School - 1115 North Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, Illinois 60031

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact
Darrell W. Kuntz, Project Manager at 847.377.7400 or d.kuntz@lakecountyil.gov

The meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Paul Schneider of Stanley Consultants at (773) 693-9624. Persons planning to attend who need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TDD number (800) 526-0844/ or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0854 or 711; and for Telebriall dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.



KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTERS
ATTN: TAX DEPARTMENT
PO BOX 6760
PORTLAND, OR 97228-6760

PIN: 07-09-301-023
Parcel: 6480 GURNEE MILLS CIR W GURNEE, IL 60031

Dear Property Owner,

Based upon a review of the Lake County tax records, you are indicated to be the owner of the referenced property. At this time we anticipate that the proposed improvement will require the acquisition of a temporary construction easement from your property. A temporary construction easement is required in order to grade adjacent properties to match the proposed improvement at driveways and entrances.

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E-blast Invitation:

In addition to the advertisements and mailings, the Public Information Meeting was announced to stakeholders on March 15, 2017 via electronic invitations containing the postcard to those stakeholders that provided email addresses.

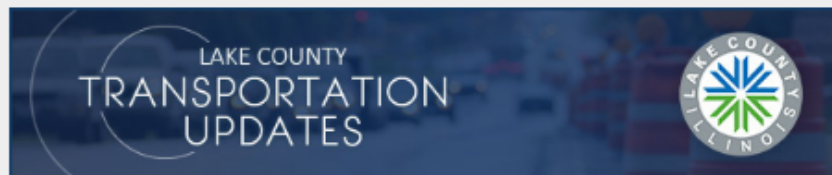
Website:

A Public Information Meeting announcement was posted on the website on March 13, 2017.

Hunt Club Road at IL 132 Intersection Study: Public Information Meeting, March 28

Lake County Illinois sent this bulletin at 03/13/2017 09:36 AM CDT

[view as a webpage](#)



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Date: Tuesday, March 28

Time: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Open House Format)

Location: Woodland Intermediate School, 1115 N. Hunt Club Road, Gurnee



The public meeting will be an open house format, so you are welcome to attend at any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will be exhibits on display and project representatives will be available to answer questions.

3rd Party Outreach:

Informational letters were sent to public officials within the study area by mail and electronically on March 8, 2017. The letter invited public officials to attend the second Public Information Meeting and included a copy of the Public Information Meeting classified advertisement, which gave them the ability to print copies for distribution in the community.



Hunt Club Road at Illinois Route 132 Preliminary Engineering Study

March 8, 2017

Mr. Aaron Lawlor
County Board Chairman
County Board District 18
ALawlor@lakecountyl.gov

Dear Mr. Lawlor:

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) cordially invites you to attend the Public Information Meeting for potential roadway improvements to the intersection of Hunt Club Road and IL Route 132. LCDOT has developed and evaluated a Preferred Alternative, which will be available for public viewing and comment at this meeting. The Preferred Alternative will address safety, pedestrian mobility and intersection capacity. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Time: 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Open House Format
Location: Woodland Intermediate School Cafeteria
1115 North Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60060

The meeting will be conducted in an informal, open house format. Exhibits will be available for public viewing at the meeting. Feel free to attend the meeting any time between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Representatives from LCDOT and the project consultant will be present to discuss the project and answer any questions on an individual basis.

Written comments will be accepted during the meeting as well as after the meeting. All comments received by April 11, 2017 will become part of the Public Information Meeting record. All Public Information Meeting materials will be posted the following day to LCDOT's website, <http://www.lakecountyl.gov/3796>.

Enclosed is a copy of the display ad that will appear in the March 13, 2017 and March 21, 2017 editions of the Lake County News Sun. A postcard with the above meeting information is being delivered to stakeholders in the project area. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Darrell Kuntz, P.E., Project Manager, at dkuntz@lakecountyl.gov or (847) 377-7459.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily J. Karry".

Emily J. Karry, P.E.
Director of Planning & Programming

Enclosure
cc: Paul Schneider, P.E. Stanley Consultants, Inc

Division of Transportation

Paula J. Trigg, P.E.
Director of Transportation/County Engineer

600 West Winchester Road
Libertyville, Illinois 60048-1381
Phone 847 377 7400
Fax 847 964 5888

The Lake County Division of Transportation has scheduled a

Public Information Meeting for the

Hunt Club Road at Illinois Route 132 Intersection Improvement

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) cordially invites you to attend the Public Information Meeting concerning improvements to the intersection of Hunt Club Road at Illinois Route 132 in the Village of Gurnee. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit input on the Preferred Alternative. Project information will be provided, including the Phase I study process, existing project data and the Preferred Alternative.

The details of the Public Information Meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Open House Format
Location: Woodland Intermediate
School Cafeteria
1115 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60031

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The informational letter, including a copy of the classified advertisement, was mailed to the following public officials:

- Kristina Kovarik, Mayor, Village of Gurnee - posted to the Village's website
- Fred N. Friedl, Fire Chief, Village of Gurnee
- Kevin M. Woodside, Chief of Police, Village of Gurnee
- John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools, Warren High School District #121
- Bradley Schneider, US Congressman, 10th District
- Randy Hultgren, US Congressman, 14th District
- Melinda Bush, Illinois State Senator, Illinois State Senate 31st District
- Sheri Jesiel, Illinois State Representative, 61st District
- Anthony J. Quigley, Deputy Director of Highways, Illinois Department of Transportation
- David Divita, Director of Transportation, Woodland Schools District #50
- David Ziegler, Community Development Director, Village of Gurnee
- Gregory J. Meyer, Principal, Warren High School District #121, O'Plaine Campus
- Michael Warner, Executive Director, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
- Michael Witkowski, Principal, Woodland Intermediate School
- Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator, Village of Gurnee
- Gregory J. Meyer, Principal, Warren High School District #121, Almond Campus
- Philip DeRuntz, President, Warren-Waukegan Fire Department
- Scott Drabicki, Village Engineer, Village of Gurnee
- Scott Snyder, Principal, Woodland Middle School
- Lisa West, Principal, Woodland Middle School East
- Stacey Anderson, Principal, Woodland Primary School
- Amy Sarver, Warren Township highway Commissioner, Warren Township
- Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director, Gurnee Park District
- Suzanne Simpson, Warren Township Supervisor, Warren Township
- Vicki King, Principal, Woodland Elementary School West
- Mark Curran, Lake County Sheriff's Office

The informational email, including an attached electronic advertisement, was emailed to the following Lake County officials:

- Aaron Lawlor, Chairman, Lake County Board
- Linda Pedersen, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 1
- Diane Hewitt, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 2
- Tom Weber, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 3
- Brent Paxton, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 4
- Judy Martini, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 5
- Jeff Werfel, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 6
- Steve Carlson, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 7
- Bill Durkin, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 8
- Mary Ross Cunningham, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 9
- Chuck Bartels, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 10
- Paul H. Frank, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 11
- S. Michael Rummel, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 12

- Sandra Hart, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 13
- Audrey Nixon, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 14
- Carol Calabresa, Lake County Board Vice-Chair, Lake County Board District 15
- Terry Wilke, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 16
- Michael Danforth, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 17
- Craig Taylor, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 19
- Sidney Mathias, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 20
- Ann B. Maine, Lake County Board Member, Lake County Board District 21
- Suzanne Zupec, President, Lake County Transportation Alliance
- Michael H. Stevens, President and CEO, Lake County Transportation Alliance
- Brooke Hooker, Communications Coordinator, Lake County Partners

Meeting Content

The Public Information Meeting for the Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132 Intersection Improvement Phase I Study was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at Woodland Intermediate School, 1115 N. Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL 60031 from 5 – 7 PM, and the meeting was conducted in an open house format.

The cafeteria contained exhibits that provided project information and were broken up into four different stations with project study group members available to answer questions. The stations consisted of Project Overview (Station 1), Preferred Alternative (Station 2), Comments (Station 3), and the Lake County Program (Station 4). Attendees were encouraged to visit the comment station to provide comments. All station exhibits were posted to the project website following the meeting. Below is a list of the exhibits provided at each station:

Station 1 – Project Overview: Project Location, Aerial Map, Purpose and Need, Phase I Engineering Study Process and Schedule.

Station 2 – Existing Conditions, Crash Data Summary, Preferred Alternative, Project Benefits, Hunt Club Road Proposed typical Section, IL Route 132 proposed Typical Section, Potential project Impacts, Next Steps.

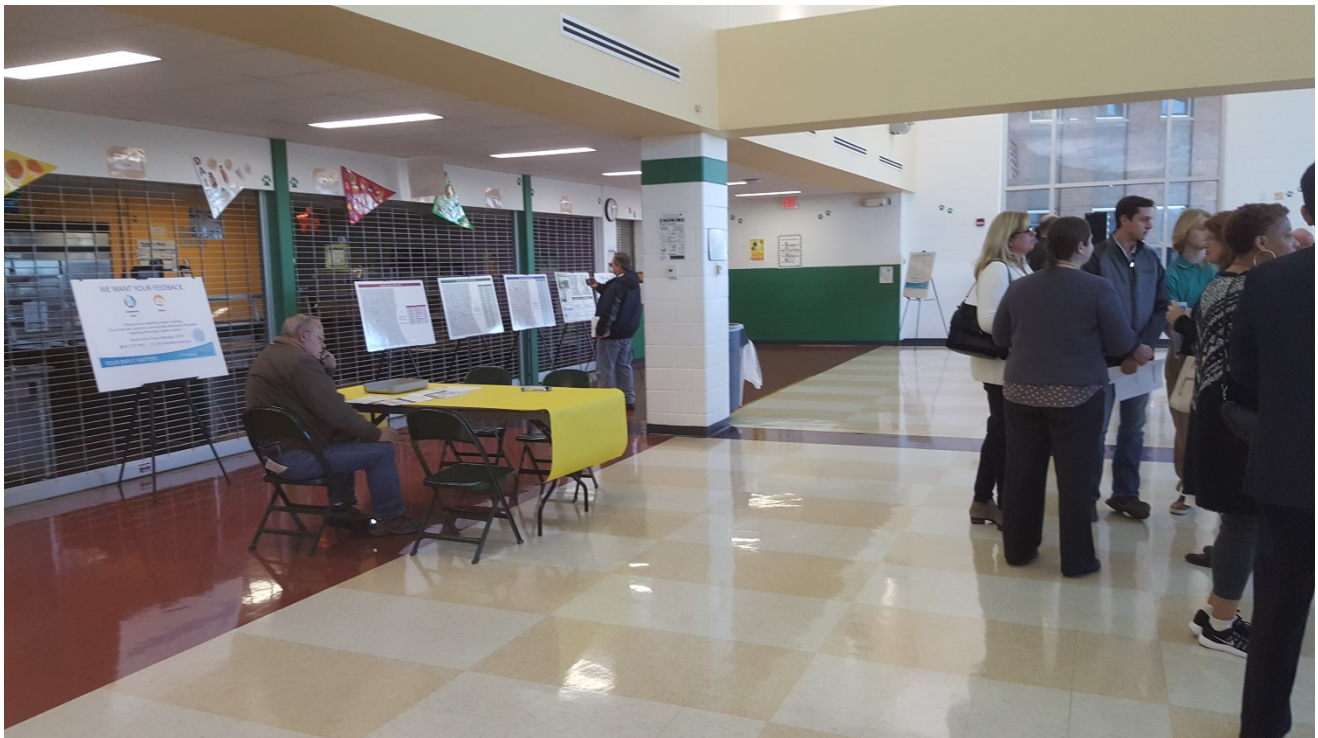
Station 3 – Public Comment Area: Comment forms were provided for attendees to submit comments.

Station 4 – Lake County Program: 2040 Roadway Plan, Expansion Projects (5-year), Modernization Projects (5-year), Preservation Projects (5-year).

Photographs from the Public Information Meeting:



Photographs from the Public Information Meeting:



Informational Handout (front)



Hunt Club Road at Illinois Route 132 Intersection Improvement March 28, 2017 Public Information Meeting

The Lake County Division of Transportation has initiated an engineering study to improve the intersection of Hunt Club Road and Illinois Route 132 in the Village of Gurnee. The purpose of the study is to evaluate alternatives that would improve safety, provide pedestrian ADA compliant facilities in the area and reduce congestion during peak hours.

What is the purpose of this meeting?

- Present the Preferred Alternative
- Explain the study process and steps for project implementation
- Solicit comments on the Preferred Alternative

Why is this project needed?

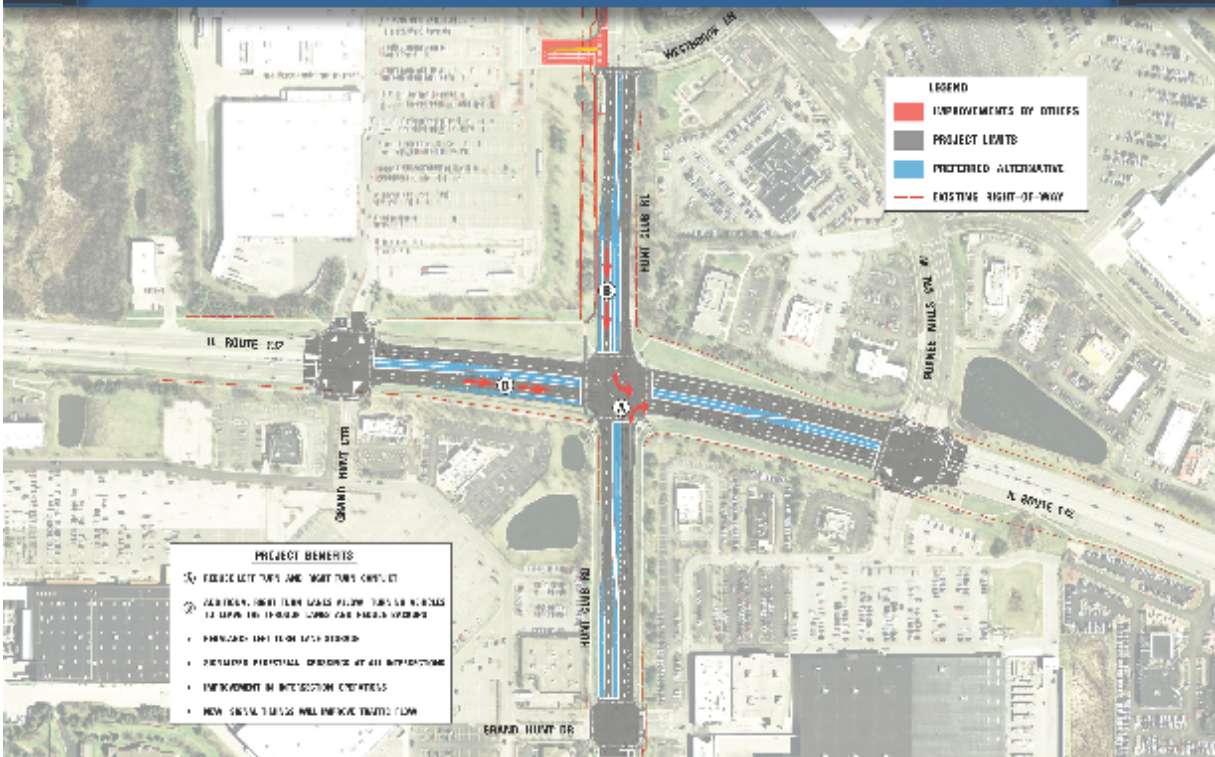
Safety. There were 217 crashes at the intersection of Hunt Club Road and IL Route 132 over a five year period (2010-2014). A majority of the crashes were rear end (56%) and turning (28%) crashes. These types of crashes are indicative of an intersection operating above capacity and one which experiences conflicting turning movements.

What is the Preferred Alternative?

The Preferred Alternative would provide dual left turn lanes on Hunt Club Road at IL Route 132 and rebalance the storage of the opposing left turn lanes on IL Route 132. The Preferred Alternative will also provide a southbound right turn lane on Hunt Club Road and an eastbound right turn lane on IL Route 132 at Hunt Club Road.

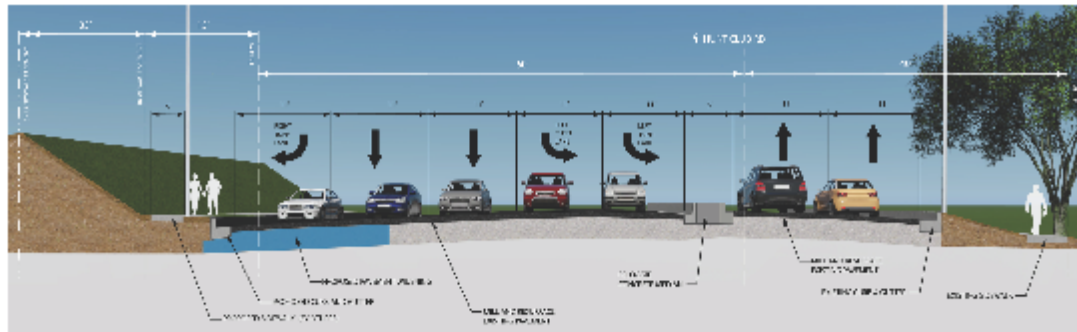
BENEFITS

- Protected left turns from Hunt Club Road to IL Route 132 would reduce conflicting turning movements.
- Rebalanced and new turn lanes will allow more storage for turning vehicles.
- Removing turning vehicles from the through traffic stream will reduce the potential for rear end crashes.
- Signalized pedestrian crossings meeting ADA requirements at all intersections.
- Signal cycles will improve traffic flow upstream and downstream of the intersection.



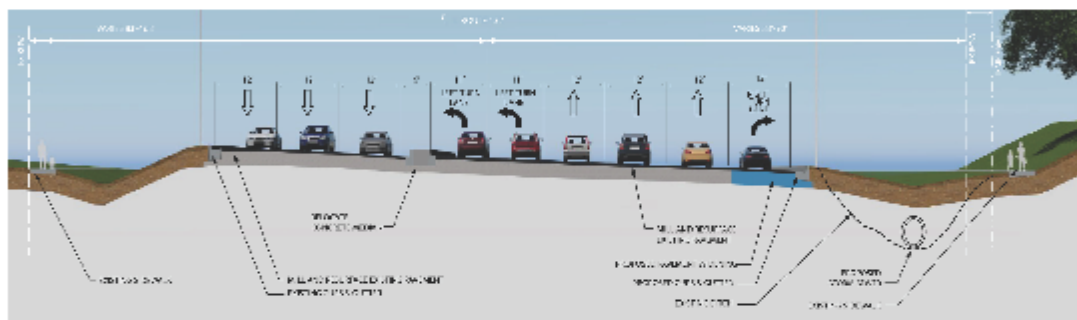
Informational Handout (back)

What are the proposed improvements?



[PROPOSED HUNT CLUB ROAD LOOKING NORTH]

Hunt Club Road will provide two through lanes, dual left turn lanes with an adjacent right turn lane in each direction



[PROPOSED IL ROUTE 132 LOOKING EAST]

IL Route 132 will provide three through lanes, dual left turn lanes with an adjacent right turn lane in each direction

Additional Points

- Maintain at least one lane of traffic in each direction on Hunt Club Road throughout construction without detour.
- Maintain at least two lanes of traffic in each direction on IL Route 132 throughout construction without detour.
- Lane closures will be minimized on the weekends.
- The project will potentially require 0.6 acres of temporary easement from seventeen (17) parcels.
- Estimated cost of construction is approximately \$4,000,000.
- Lake County is pursuing a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to fund the project.

Questions, Comments and Information

Your comments are valuable to us. Written comments may be submitted during the Public Information Meeting, mailed to the address below, or emailed to the contact information below. All comments received by **April 11, 2017** will become part of the official project record. Comments will be summarized and posted to the project website. Any questions or comments regarding the study should be directed to:

Mr. Darrell W. Kuntz, P.E.
Project Manager, Planning Department
Lake County Division of Transportation
600 W Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048
847-377-7400 | dkuntz@lakecountyil.gov

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Next Steps



Attendance

The meeting was attended by 59 people.

The following public officials were in attendance:

- Illinois State Senator, Melinda Bush, District 31 (Represented by Edward Gallagher)
- Lake County Board, Board Member, Steve Carlson (District 7)
- Woodland School Board of Education, Dr. Carla Little
- Village of Gurnee, Mayor, Kristina Kovarik
- Village of Gurnee, Village Trustee, Jeanne Balmes
- Village of Gurnee, Village Trustee, Karen Thorstenson

Additional agencies/organizations represented included:

- Village of Gurnee, Village Engineer, Scott Drabicki
- Warren Township Highway Department, Amy Sarver
- Lake County Transportation Alliance, Suzanne Zupec
- Gurnee Park District, Susie Kuruvilla
- Village of Gurnee, Asst. Village Administrator, Jack Linden
- Lake County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Robert Briggs
- Bicycle Club of Lake County/ Gurnee Walkability Committee, Bob Shuppert
- Brookside Village Association, Bill Hagen
- Menards Inc, Store Manager, Ryan Fritz

Comments

Eight (8) comment submissions were made within the two week comment period

Themes are summarized below.

- Is there consideration for improvements at other Hunt Club Road intersections:
 - IL Route 120, Washington Street, and Sterns School Road
- Provide information on Alternative Routes to Interstate 94 during construction.
- Adjust construction work times to avoid peak travel times.
- Construct traffic circles in lieu of traffic signals.
- Get rid of red light cameras.
- What impact has the red light camera had on crashes?
- Optimize signal timing with longer turn phases.
- Traffic signal timing is a significant safety issue.
- Make provisions for future bicycle facilities to cross both Hunt Club Road and Grand Avenue at the intersection.